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SUBJECT: SECRETARY OF ENERGY STEVEN CHU MEETS WITH ZHANG GUOBAO,
HEAD OF CHINA'S NATIONAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION IN BEIJING

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SUMMARY

1. (U) Upon Secretary Chu's arrival in Beijing, he met with Minister ZHANG Guobao, head of China's National Energy Administration (NEA). Zhang informed Secretary Chu that he would be out of the country during the remainder of the Secretary's visit and that the NEA Deputy Administrator LIU Qi would be attending planned meetings in Beijing on Zhang's behalf, also noting that things were going very smoothly due to good collaboration between his staff and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). END SUMMARY.

CLEAN ENERGY COOPERATION

2. (SBU) Zhang reviewed the clean energy agreements to be signed during Secretary Chu's trip and explained NEA's role in the clean energy research center (CERC), clean coal, energy cooperation program and renewable energies. He highlighted the MIT-Tsinghua-Cambridge Low-Carbon Energy University Alliance, the work Honeywell and PetroChina are doing in biofuels, the First Solar agreement with the city of Ordos in China's Inner Mongolia province

to build the largest solar farm in the China, and continuing collaboration on nuclear energy.

13. (SBU) Zhang reviewed Chu's agenda and focused on the Clean Energy Roundtable, which NEA is hosting, that will include senior government, industry, non-government, and academic participants. He said the enthusiasm for this conference is high and in just two days, NEA has identified 53 participants who all want a speaking role. Some of the participants include the Presidents of BYD, ENN, and State Grid companies.

CLEAN ENERGY RESEARCH CENTER A PRIORITY FOR NEA

14. (SBU) Zhang then returned to the CERC and made it clear that this is one of his highest priorities. He described his interpretation of the CERC protocol management approach and defined NEA's approach. He reaffirmed that he would be a member of the Joint Steering Committee, along with Secretary Chu and China's Science and Technology Minister WAN Gang. He also advocated for a simple management approach, where the Joint Advisory Group would report to the Joint Steering Committee members rather than an executive secretariat and that each side should also identify a single point of contact to enable smooth communications. Zhang said GU Jun, the Director General of NEA's International Cooperation Department, would be his single point of contact.

15. (SBU) Secretary Chu acknowledged the importance of the CERC and the important responsibilities they have for enabling low carbon energy programs in their countries. He also agreed to study Zhang's management approach for the CERC and described the open bidding and

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information process that DOE would be sending out to enlist industry, national laboratory and university participation. He further explained that on the US side, we would provide matching funds to the projects undertaken.

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